This resource assessment is designed to gather and display information specific to Davis County, Utah. This report will highlight the natural and social resources present in the county, detail specific concerns, and be used to aid in resource planning and target conservation assistance needs. This document is dynamic and will be updated as additional information is available through a multiagency partnership effort. The general observations and summaries are listed first, followed by the specific resource inventories.

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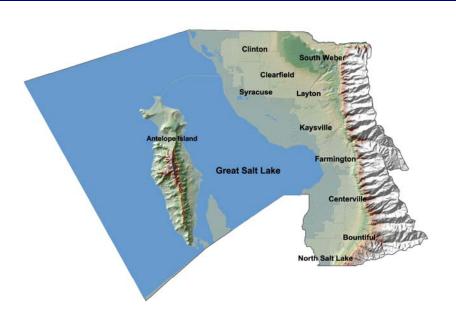
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Introduction

Davis County is located between Salt Lake and Weber counties in the heart of the Salt Lake/Ogden metropolitan area. This central location provides unparalleled access to the Salt Lake International Airport, Hill Air Force Base, Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake and other cultural, retail, commercial, entertainment and recreational opportunities within Davis County's 15 cities.

Davis County consists of 630 square miles and has the smallest land area of the 29 Utah counties. Only 223 square miles is actual usable land. Antelope Island adds another 42 square miles to the land area. The remainder is part of the Great Salt Lake.

Average low winter temperatures: 20.6 degrees; average high summer temperatures: 92.8 degrees; average precipitation: 18.71 inches.

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General Land Use Observations

Grass / Pasture / Hay Lands

- Complications related to overgrazing include poor pasture condition, soil compaction and water quality issues.
- Control of noxious and invasive plants is an ever increasing problem.
- The small, part-time farms are less likely to adopt conservation due to cost and low farm income.

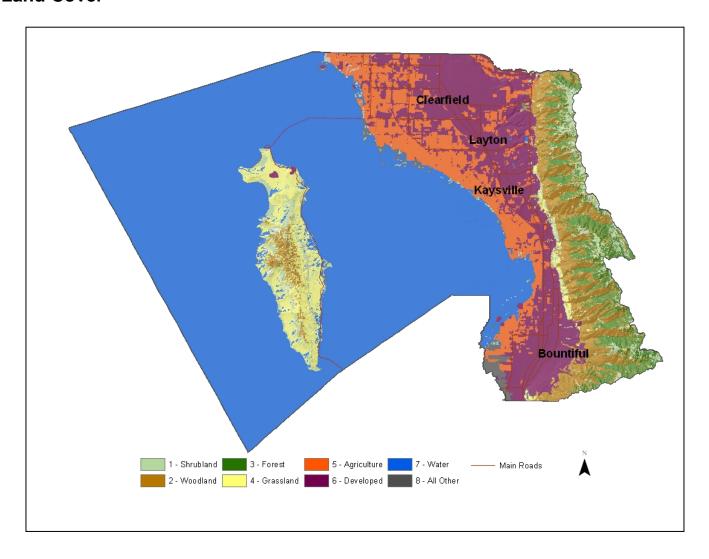
Row & Perennial (orchards / vineyards / nurseries) Crops

- Residue, nutrient and pest management are needed to control erosion and to protect water quality.
- The small, part-time farms are less likely to adopt conservation due to cost and low farm income.

Resource Assessment Summary

Categories	Concern high, medium, or low	Description and Specific Location (quantify where possible)
Soil	Med	On fine sandy loams when in onions. 300 ac.
Water Quantity	High	On low water years production is severely restricted
Water Quality Ground Water	Low	Acquifer levels are dropping
Water Quality Surface Water	High	Any and all contaminates are a concern
Air Quality	Med	Visibility and particulates during inversions.
Plant Suitability	High	Mostly range and pasture in poor condition. 2,000 acres
Plant Condition	High	Mostly range and pasture in poor condition. 4,000 acres
Fish and Wildlife	Med	T&E species and state sensitive species.
Domestic Animals	Med	West Nile Virus. Mad Cow disease
Social and Economic	Med	Maintain it as a family farm.

Land Cover



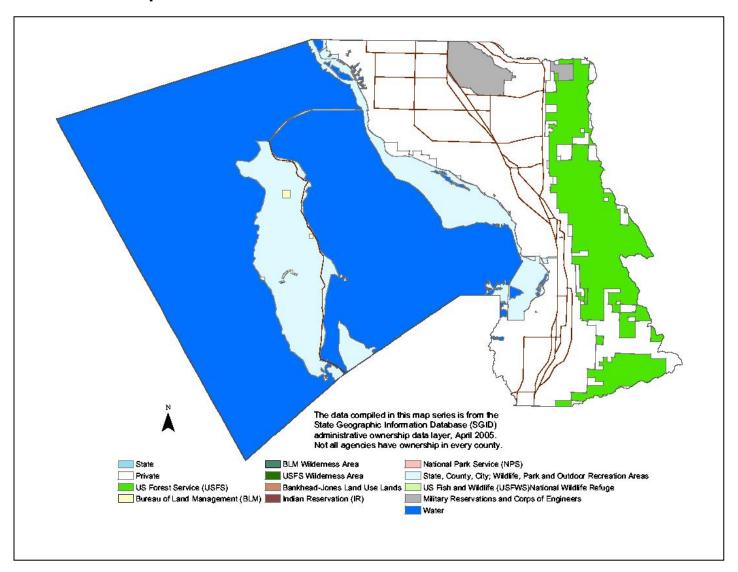
Land Cover/Land Use		
	Acres	%
Forest		0%
Grain Crops	6,000	2%
Conservation Reserve Program *a		0%
Grass/Pasture/Haylands	10,000	3%
Orchards/Vineyards	300	0%
Row Crops	1,000	0%
Shrub/Rangelands	50,000	15%
Water	215,000	64%
Wetlands	5,000	1%
Developed	47700.00	14%
Davis County Totals *b	335000.00	100.00%

*a: Estimate from Farm Service Agency records and include CRP/CREP. *b: Totals may not add due to rounding and small unknown acreages.

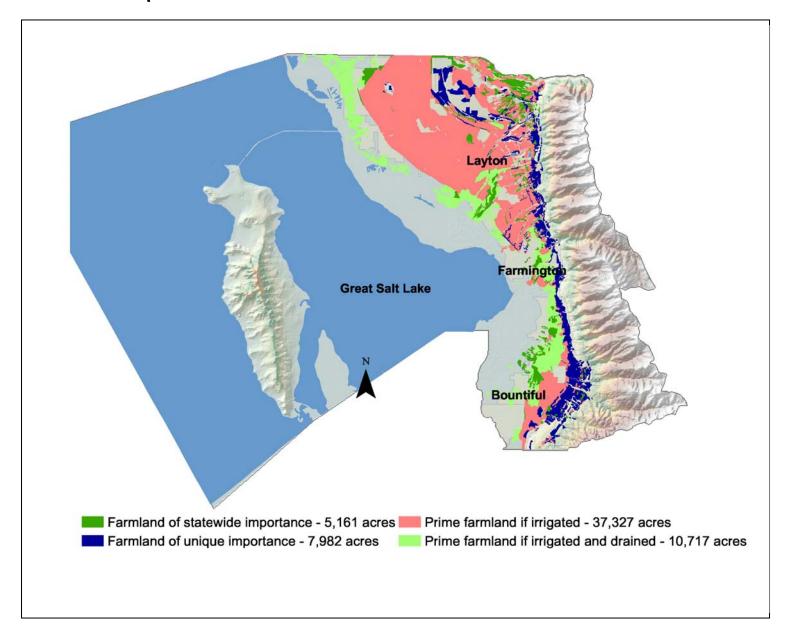
Special Considerations for Davis County:

• Urban growth is rapidly replacing the farmland.

Land Ownership



Prime & Unique Farm Land



Prime farmland

land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, fiber, forage, oilseed, and other agricultural crops with minimum inputs of fuel, fertilizer, pesticides, and labor, and without intolerable soil erosion.

Unique farmland

Land other than prime farmland that is used for the production of specific high-value food and fiber crops...such as, citrus, tree nuts, olives, cranberries, fruits, and vegetables

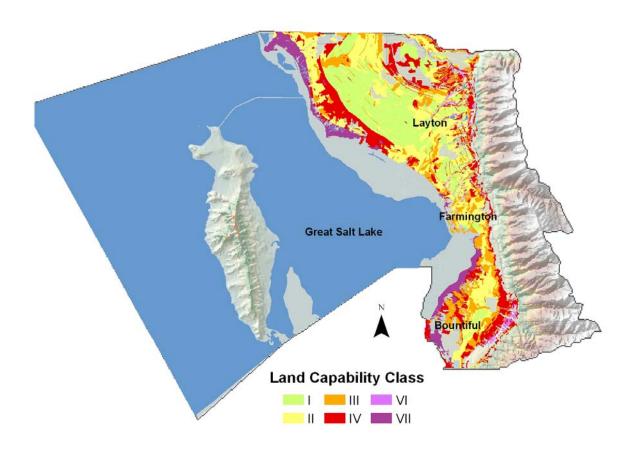
Additional farmland of statewide or local importance

Land identified by state or local agencies for agricultural use, but not of national significance

Resource Concerns - SOILS

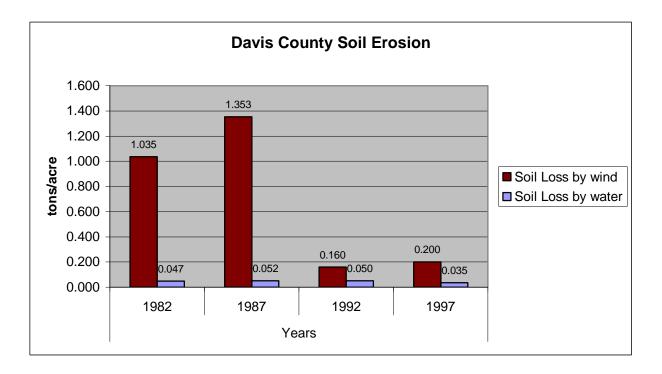
Categories	Specific Resource Concern / Issue	Crop	Нау	Pasture	Grazed Range	Grazed Forest	Pasture Native/Naturalized	Wildlife	Watershed Protection	Forest	Headquarters	Urban	Recreation	Water	Mined	Natural Area
	Sheet and Rill	Х			Χ						Χ	Χ				
	Wind	Х														
	Ephemeral Gully				Χ											
	Classic Gully				Χ											
Soil Erosion	Streambank	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Χ								Х		
	Shoreline	X	X													
	Irrigation-induced Mass Movement															
	Mass Movement				Χ											
	Road, roadsides and Construction Sites				Χ											
	Organic Matter Depletion	Х			Χ				Χ							
	Rangeland Site Stability				Χ	Χ		Х								
	Compaction	Х			Χ											
	Road, roadsides and Construction Sites Organic Matter Depletion Rangeland Site Stability															
	ContaminantsSalts and Other Chemicals			Х												
	Contaminants: Animal Waste and Other															
	OrganicsN	Х									Χ					
Soil Condition	Contaminants: Animal Waste and Other															
Soil Condition	OrganicsP	Х									Χ					
	Contaminants: Animal Waste and Other															
OrganicsK		Х														
	Contaminants : Commercial FertilizerN	Х										Χ		Х		
	Contaminants : Commercial FertilizerP	X												X		
	Contaminants : Commercial FertilizerK															
	ContaminantsResidual Pesticides	Х													$oldsymbol{ol}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}$	
	Damage from Sediment Deposition													X		

Land Capability Class on Cropland and Pastureland



		Acres	Percentage
	I - slight limitations	17,856	21%
	II - moderate limitations III - severe limitations IV - very severe limitations V - no erosion hazard, but other limitations VI - severe limitations, unsuited for cultivations	23,024	27%
	III - moderate limitations III - severe limitations IV - very severe limitations V - no erosion hazard, but other limitations VI - severe limitations, unsuited for cultivation, limited to pasture, range, forest VIII - very severe limitations, unsuited for cultivation, limited to grazing, forest, wildlife VIII - misc areas have limitations, limited to		
	and Capability Class V - no erosion hazard, but other limitations		19%
Land Capability Class			0%
(Irrigated Cropland & Pastureland Only)	VI - severe limitations, unsuited for cultivation, limited to pasture, range, forest	1,127	1%
	III - moderate limitations III - severe limitations IV - very severe limitations V - no erosion hazard, but other limitations VI - severe limitations, unsuited for cultivation limited to pasture, range, forest VII - very severe limitations, unsuited for cultivation, limited to grazing, forest, wildlife VIII - misc areas have limitations, limited to	5,664	7%
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Soil Erosion on Cropland

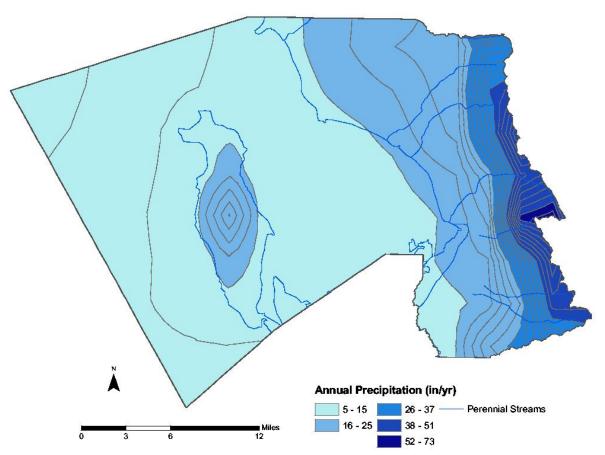


- ❖ The bar graph shown above indicates a large reduction in soil erosion on the total acres in Davis County. However, there is approximately 9,626.6 acres of Highly Erodible Land (HEL) existing in the county. Much of the HEL acres are under a HEL conservation plan. The remaining acres still need treatment.
- The largest amount of total tons of erosion is from rangeland. Given the 15,000 acres of rangeland in poor condition and assuming two tons per acre per year reduction after treatment, equals 30,000 tons per acre per year reduction.

Resource Concerns – WATER

			Нау	Pasture	Grazed Range	Grazed Forest	Pasture Native/Naturalized	Wildlife	Watershed Protection	Forest	Headquarters	Urban	Recreation	Water	Mined	Natural Area
Wa	ater Quantity – Rangeland Hydrologic Cycle				Χ	Χ			Χ				X			Χ
	ccessive Seepage															
	cessive Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding				Χ	Χ			Χ				X			X
Exc	cessive Subsurface Water															
Drif	ifted Snow															
	adequate Outlets															
IVValti Qualility	efficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Χ	Χ	Χ												
Inef	efficient Water Use on Non-irrigated Land				Χ	Χ			Χ				Χ			Χ
Red	educed Capacity of Conveyances by Sediment Deposition															
Red	educed Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation													Х		
Aqı	Aquifer Overdraft															
Inst	sufficient Flows in Watercourses				Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ				Χ	Χ		Χ
Har	armful Levels of Pesticides in Groundwater															
Exc	cessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater												\neg			
Water Quality, Exc	cessive Salinity in Groundwater												\neg			
, ,	armful Levels of Heavy Metals in Groundwater												\neg			
Har	armful Levels of Pathogens in Groundwater														\Box	
Har	armful Levels of Petroleum in Groundwater												\neg		\Box	
Har	armful Levels of Pesticides in Surface Water															
Exc	cessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Х	Х	Χ									\neg		\neg	
	cessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water	Х	Х	Х												
Water Quality, Exc	cessive Salinity in Surface Water	Ť		, ,									\neg			
water Quanty,	ater Quality – Colorado River Excessive Salinity										\neg		\dashv	\vdash	\dashv	
	armful Levels of Heavy Metals in Surface Water										\dashv		\dashv	$\vdash \vdash$	\dashv	\neg
	armful Temperatures of Surface Water										\dashv		\dashv	Х	\dashv	\neg
	armful Levels of Pathogens in Surface Water										_		\dashv	$\stackrel{\sim}{\vdash}$	\dashv	
	armful Levels of Petroleum in Surface Water												\dashv	H	\dashv	

Precipitation and Streams



		ACRES	ACRE-FEET
Irrigated Adjudicated	Surface	19275.00	
Water Rights	Well	2000.00	
Water Rights	Total Irrigated Adjudicated Water Rights	21275.00	0.00
USGS 10143500 CENTERVILLE		Total Avg. Yield	2.9 cu.ft/sec
Stream Flow Data	Stream Flow Data CREEK		4.2 cu.ft/sec
Otream Flow Bata			
		MILES	PERCENT
Stream Data	Total Miles - Major (100K Hydro GIS Layer)	615	n/a
Stream Data	98	16%	

	Irrigation Efficiency:	<40%	40 - 60%	>60%
Percentage of Total	Cropland	20%	60%	20%
Acreage	Pastureland	35%	60%	5%

Watersheds & Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

ershed Projects, Plan	s, Studies and Assess	ments						
hed Projects	NRCS Watershed Plans	Studies & Assessments						
Status	Name	Status						
MDL's	NRCS Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans							
Status	Number	Status						
	5	Planned						
	4	Implemented						
	hed Projects Status MDL's	Status Name MDL's NRCS Comprehensive Number 5						

AFO/CAFO

Animal Feeding Operations (A	AFO)					
Animal Type	Dairy	Feed Lot (Cattle)	Poultry	Swine	Mink	Other
No. of Farms	0	20	0	0	0	20
No. of Animals	0	200	0	0	0	200

Potential Confined Animal Fed	eding Oper	ations (PC	AFO)			
Animal Type	Dairy	Feed Lot (Cattle)	Poultry	Swine	Mink	Other
No. of Farms	2	6	0	0	0	0
No. of Animals	300	60	0	0	0	0

Confined Animal Feeding Ope	Confined Animal Feeding Operations - Utah CAFO Permit												
Animal Type	Dairy	Feed Lot (Cattle)	Poultry	Swine	Other								
No. of Permitted Farms	0	0	0	0	0								
No. of Permitted Animals	0	0	0	0	0								

Data for these tables was provided by the Utah Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) Strategy 2000-2002.

Resource Concerns – AIR, PLANTS, ANIMALS

Categories	Specific Resource Concern / Issue	Crop	Hay	Pasture	Grazed Range	Grazed Forest	Pasture Native/Naturalized	Wildlife	Watershed Protection	Forest	Headquarters	Urban	Recreation	Water	Mined	Natural Area
	Particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in diameter (PM 10)															
	Particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM 2.5)															
	Excessive Ozone															
	Excessive Greenhouse Gas: CO2 (carbon dioxide)															
	Excessive Greenhouse Gas: N2O (nitrous oxide)															
Air Quality	Excessive Greenhouse Gas: CH4 (methane)															
	Ammonia (NH3) (From AFO's)										Χ					
	Chemical Drift															
	Objectionable Odors															
	Reduced Visibility (Winter Fog)											Χ				
	Undesirable Air Movement (Winter Air Inverions)											Χ				
	Adverse Air Temperature															
Plant Suitability	Plants not adapted or suited			Х	Х	Х		Х	Χ				Χ			
	Plant Condition – Productivity, Health and Vigor	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ
	Threatened or Endangered Plant Species: Plant Species Listed or Proposed for Listing under the Endangered Species Act	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х
Plant Condition	Threatened or Endangered Plant Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Noxious and Invasive Plants	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Forage Quality and Palatability			Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ							
	Plant Condition – Wildfire Hazard				Χ											
	Inadequate Food	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х
	Inadequate Water	Χ		Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	_	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Fish and	Inadequate Space	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Wildlife	Habitat Fragmentation	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Х	Χ	Χ		Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х
Threatened and Endangered Species: Species Listed or																
	Proposed for Listing under the Endangered Species Act	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage			Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ							
Domestic	Inadequate Shelter			Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ							
Animals	Inadequate Stock Water			Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ							
Allillais	madequate Stock Water				_^\	$\perp \sim$		\perp								

Noxious Weeds

Utah Noxious Weed List

The following weeds are officially designated and published as noxious for the State of Utah, as per the authority vested in the Commissioner of Agriculture under Section 4-17-3, Utah Noxious Weed Act:

- Bermudagrass** (cynodon dactylon)
- Canada thistle (cirsium arvense)
- Diffuse knapweed (centaurea diffusa)
- Dyers woad (isatis tinctoria L)
- Field bindweed (Wild Morning Glory) (convolvulus arvensis)
- Hoary cress (cardaria drabe)
- Johnsongrass (sorghum halepense)
- Leafy spurge (euphorbia esula)
- Medusahead (taeniatherum caput-medusae)
- Musk thistle (carduus mutans)
- Perennial pepperweed (lepidium latifolium)
- Perennial sorghum (sorghum halepense L & sorghum almum)
- Purple loosestrife (lythrum salicaria L.)
- Quackgrass (agropyron repens)
- Russian knapweed (centaurea repens)
- Scotch thistle (onopordum acanthium)
- Spotted knapweed (centaurea maculosa)
- Squarrose knapweed (centaurea squarrosa)
- Yellow starthistle (centaurea solstitialis)

Additional noxious weeds declared by Davis County (2003): Poison Hemlock, Yellow Nutsedge, Buffalobur.

Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need

The Utah Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS) prioritizes native animal species according to conservation need. At-risk and declining species in need of conservation were identified by examining species biology and life history, populations, distribution, and threats. The following table lists species of greatest conservation concern in the county.

AT-RISK SPECIES										
	Common Name	Group	Primary Habitat	Secondary Habitat						
FEDERALLY-LISTED			•							
Endangered:	(None)									
Threatened:	Bald Eagle (breeding)	Bird	Lowland Riparian	Agriculture						
Candidate:	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Bird	Lowland Riparian	Agriculture						
Proposed:	(None)									
STATE SENSITIVE										
	Columbia Spotted Frog	Amphibian	Wetland	Wet Meadow						
Conservation	Least Chub	Fish	Water - Lentic	Wetland						
Agreement Species:	Bonneville Cutthroat Trout	Fish	Water - Lotic	Mountain Riparian						
	Bluehead Sucker	Fish	Water - Lotic	Mountain Riparian						
	American White Pelican	Bird	Water - Lentic	Wetland						
	Bobolink	Bird	Wet Meadow	Agriculture						
	Burrowing Owl	Bird	High Desert Scrub	Grassland						
	Ferruginous Hawk	Bird	Pinyon-Juniper	Shrubsteppe						
	Grasshopper Sparrow	Bird	Grassland							
Species of Concern:	Kit Fox	Mammal	High Desert Scrub							
Species of Concern.	Lewis's Woodpecker	Bird	Ponderosa Pine	Lowland Riparian						
	Long-billed Curlew	Bird	Grassland	Agriculture						
	Short-eared Owl	Bird	Wetland	Grassland						
	Townsend's Big-eared Bat	Mammal	Pinyon-Juniper	Mountain Shrub						
	Western Pearlshell	Mollusk	Water - Lotic	Mountain Riparian						
	Western Toad	Amphibian	Wetland	Mountain Riparian						

^{*}Definitions of habitat categories can be found in the Utah Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.

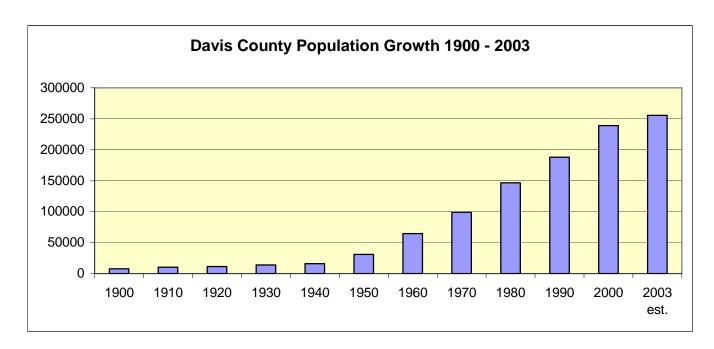
The Utah CWCS also prioritizes habitat categories based on several criteria important to the species of greatest conservation need. The top ten hey habitats state-wide are (in order of priority):

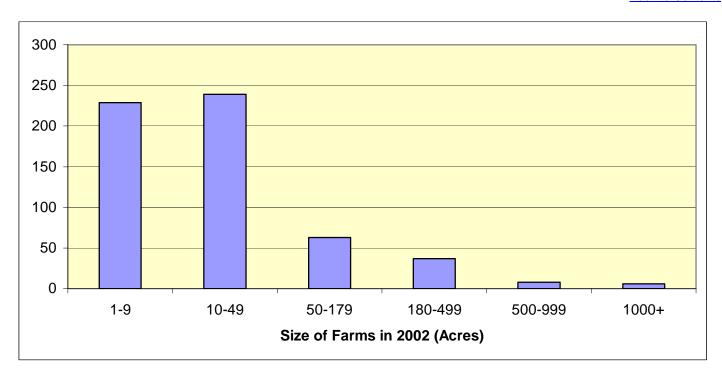
- 1. **Lowland Riparian** (riparian areas <5,500 ft elevation; principal vegetation: Fremont cottonwood and willow)
- 2. **Wetland** (marsh <5,500 ft elevation; principal vegetation: cattail, bulrush, and sedge)
- 3. **Mountain Riparian** (riparian areas >5,500 ft elevation; principal vegetation: narrowleaf cottonwood, willow, alder, birch and dogwood)
- 4. **Shrubsteppe** (shrubland at 2,500 11,500 ft elevation; principal vegetation: sagebrush and perennial grasses)
- 5. **Mountain Shrub** (deciduous shrubland at 3,300 9,800 ft elevation; principal vegetation: mountain mahogany, cliff rose, bitterbrush, serviceberry, etc.)
- 6. Water Lotic (open water; streams and rivers)
- 7. **Wet Meadow** (water saturated meadows at 3,300 9,800 ft elevation; principal vegetation: sedges, rushes, grasses and forbs)
- 8. Grassland (perennial and annual grasslands or herbaceous dry meadows at 2,200 9,000 ft elevation)
- 9. Water Lentic (open water; lakes and reservoirs)
- 10. **Aspen** (deciduous aspen forest at 5,600 10,500 ft elevation)

Resource Concerns - SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

Categories	Specific Resource Concern / Issue	Crop	Hay	Pasture	Grazed Range	Grazed Forest	Pasture Native/Naturalized	Wildlife	Watershed Protection	Forest	Headquarters	Urban	Recreation	Water	Mined	Natural Area
	Non-Traditional Landowners and Tenants	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ		Х	Χ		Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	Urban Encroachment on Agricultural Land	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ				Χ			Χ
	Marketing of Resource Products		Χ													
	Innovation Needs	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х
	Non-Traditional Land Uses															
Social and	Population Demographics, Changes and Trends															
Economic	Special Considerations for Land Mangement (High State and Federal Percentage)				Х											
	Active Resource Groups (CRMs, etc)				Χ											
	Full Time vs Part Time Agricultural Communities	X	Х	Х	Х	Χ		Χ	Χ							
	Size of Operating Units	X	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ										
	Land Removed from Production through Easments															
	Land Removed from Production through USDA Programs															
Other																

Census and Social Data





Number of Farms: 582

Public Survey/Questionnaire Results:

The Davis Soil Conservation District sponsored a questionnaire in 2005 in order to gather input on the public's level of concern about natural resources. People were asked to provide input by taking an online survey, returning a paper copy of the survey, voicing their opinion at an SCD meeting, or talking directly to an SCD Board member. A news release was sent to the newspaper inviting people to take the online survey. Community and organization leaders were invited to take the survey by e-mail where possible and by regular mail when no e-mail was available. In addition, over 150 surveys were mailed to Davis County residents, mostly to people that voted in the last SCD election.

Fifty-two people responded by taking the online survey or returning the questionnaire. Thirty-seven percent of the respondents indicated that they farm or ranch, on a part-time or full-time basis. Thirty-seven percent represent local, state, or federal government. Twenty-two percent were water users and 24% were urban or suburban citizens. Respondents were free to indicate that they represented more than one group. Forty-two percent thought of themselves as agricultural producers. Most of the respondents were male Caucasians over 50 years old.

Questionnaire respondents were asked to rate the urgency of addressing 41 natural resource concerns. They chose water conservation and supply followed by air quality, open space, weeds, and water quality as the five most pressing natural resource concerns in Davis County. Over 60% of the respondents listed these as concerns that should be addressed immediately. In addition, over half thought that loss of agricultural land, agricultural sustainability, ground water, and land conversion to development concerns should also be addressed immediately. See the table below for a complete listing of the results for all the natural resources concerns.

Eighteen people provided additional comments about why they thought their natural resource concerns were critical. It would be difficult to come up with a predominant theme but nearly all comments related to the urgency of the top-rated concerns. Twenty-four people commented on the geographical areas of the County

needing the most attention. Most people felt that the fringes around the urban centers and the natural areas of the County were the priority areas to focus conservation efforts.

Respondents were also asked to rank the importance of five different roles of the Soil Conservation District. Providing technical assistance to landowners was perceived as the most important role. Scores for the different roles were:

- 142 Technical assistance to Landowners Intermediary between Landowners and Regulatory
- 135 Agencies
- 112 Financial Assistance to Landowners
- 105 Data Collection
- 104 Natural Resources Education

It was also thought that the SCD should have roles in informing and working with local government including planning and zoning, weed control and enforcement, promoting open space, and promoting sound agriculture and agriculture protection.

A concern that should	A concern that should be	A minor			
be	addressed	concern			
addressed	in the	or not a	No		
•		concern	Opinion		
67%	20%	4%	10%		
63%	22%	4%	12%		
	14%	16%	10%		
	24%	4%	12%		
61%	24%	6%	10%		
57%	18%	14%	12%		
55%	18%	16%	12%		
55%	25%	10%	10%		
55%	22%	8%	16%		
47%	27%	6%	20%		
45%	25%	16%	14%		
45%	31%	10%	14%		
45%	33%	10%	12%		
43%	25%	16%	16%		
43%	27%	12%	18%		
41%	29%	14%	16%		
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